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1. FOLLOWING ARE SUMMARIES OF CONGRESSIONAL COMMENT
FROM JUNE 26 TO JULY 10 AS REVIEWED IN THE CONGRESSIONAL
RECORD ON THE STATE OF EMERGENCY. FULL TEXTS FOLLOW BY
POUCH.

2. JUNE 26 - SEN. HELMS (R-N.C.) ACCUSED THE GANDHI
ADMINISTRATION OF CORRUPTION, AND BLAMED INDIA'S ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS ON THE CORRUPT POLITICAL APPARATUS. HE CALLED
FOR REVIEW OF U.S. FOREIGN AID TO INDIA.

3. JUNE 27 - REP. ASHBROOK (R-OHIO) CALLED ON FORMER
CRITICS OF THE THIEU REGIME TO BE AS PROMPT IN DENOUNCING
THE RECENT TURN OF EVENTS IN INDIA. SEN. PELL (D-R.I.)
NOTED THAT THE EVENTS IN INDIA MAY UNDERMINE DEMOCRACY AND
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POSTPONE EFFORTS BY INDIA TO COME TO GRIPS WITH ITS

"FUNDAMENTAL CHALLENGES".

4. JULY 8 - REP. KOCH (D-N.Y.) SCORNE THE DESCRIPTION OF INDIA AS DEMOCRATIC AND DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN THE MEMORY OF MAHATMA GANDHI AND THE REALITY OF INDIRA GANDHI. SEN. TAFT (R-OHIO) DESCRIBED THE EVENTS IN INDIA AS MORE REASON FOR THE UNITED STATES TO SUPPORT PAKISTAN, BOTH DIPLOMATICALLY AND MILITARALLY.

5. JULY 9 - REP. ASHBROOK (R-OHIO) CALLED ON THE PRESIDENT TO PUT AN IMMEDIATE HALT ON AID TO INDIA CLAIMING THAT RECENT EVENTS HAVE REMOVED THE TRADITIONAL DEFENSE THAT (AS THE LARGEST DEMOCRACY IN THE WORLD) INDIA WARRANTED AID. INGERSOLL

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